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In re the Application of:

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For: INPUT CIRC

INPUT CIRCUIT HAVING CURRENT REGULATING TRANSISTOR

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: July 15, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 15, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 as follows: Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a copy of the marked-up version of original claim 1 is attached to this Amendment showing the changes made therein.

1. (Four himes Amended) An input circuit comprising:

a current mirror circuit including a self-biased transistor and a non-self-biased transistor connected to each other;

a differential circuit including a first transistor a first drain of which is connected to the non-self-biased transistor for receiving an external signal and a second transistor a second drain of which is connected to the self-biased transistor for receiving a reference signal, wherein a first source of the first transistor and a second source of the second